

Minutes of a regular meeting of the City Council.

Austin, Tex., the twenty, 3, 1890.

Hon. John McDonald, Mayor, presiding.

Role Roll Call. Present - Aldermen

Anderson,
Graham, Jackson, Jones, Manns, Martin,
Nitschke, North, St. Latt, Shultz, Sisson. 11.
Absent; Aldermen -

Assmann, Bland, Carlton,
Hume, Linn, Metz, Phillips, Schmidow,
Townsend, 9.

Minutes. The minutes of the meetings of the City Council,
which were held on the 6th and 25th days of
January 1890, were adopted as printed.

Schneider's. A proposal from H. H. Schmidow, Esq., to keep
Clock. the City Clock in repair, for \$50.00 per annum,
was read and laid on the table subject to call.

Arsenal Block. Communication from the Secretary of War of
the United States, addressed to Hon. Richard
Bake, and by him referred to the City Council.
was laid before the Council. It states in
 substance that the last resolutions adopted
by the Council relative to the Arsenal block
were duly received by him and that he thinks
the question of title is settled in favor of the
City of Austin, and that no further action is
called for. No action was taken on the matter.
On motion of Alderman Anderson, a call of the
Council was ordered, and the absentees from
the City, Aldermen Hume, Carlton, Linn and
Assmann were excused and the Council proceeded
to business.

Mayors message. Mayor submitted a message to the Council
relative to the finances of the City.

It is as follows:

Approximate income from all sources from July 1,
1890, to December 1, 1890 \$ 1,019.10

• Cash in hands of the treasurer

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6. 227.24

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Liabilities:

Appropriations already made and to be drawn	9,905.15
Vouchers drawn but undrawn	575.00
Empanel Judgment	3,048.00
Estimated Punict. Expenses to Dec. 1, 1906. 3,511.13	\$78. 572.58

Total available revenue for all purposes not named above. \$8,153.76.
Referred to the Finance Committee, for their information.

S. Crow-

Alderman Schubert presented a petition from Col. S. J. Crow stating, that the wife of his deceased son, H. H. Crow, died five years ago of small pox, and that her remains are entombed at Aguas Calientes, Mexico; and that he desires permission to deposit her remains here in the City Cemetery by the side of the remains of his husband. His petition was granted.

District St.

Alderman Jackson presented a petition from citizens requesting the opening of District Street from Red River Street on the West to East Avenue on the East. Referred to the street committee, City Engineer and City Attorney. Alderman Phillips entered and answered to his name.

Gro-Chemerville

Alderman Graham introduced a length of petition from citizens requesting the Council to re-establish the office of city detective and to re-appoint John Chemerville to the position.

Alderman Morris moved to refer it to the police committee. Lost.

Call Ingrd.

Alderman Morris moved to suspend the call of the Council. Carried.

Parish

The Street Committee presented a report on the petition of citizens requesting that the sidewalk in front of the Parish property on West Sixth Street, be graded and cut to the proper width and recommended "that the marshal be instructed to notify the owners of said property to have the sidewalk made in accordance

With existing Ordinance requiring property owners on Main street to make "sidewalks". The report was adopted.

Schneemeyer. The street Committee also submitted a report on the proposal of L. Schneemeyer to lease a portion of River Walk for tanning purposes at an annual rental of \$50.00, payable semi-annually in advance. The report recommends the acceptance of the offer and was adopted by the following vote:

Yea, Aldermen - Anderson, Graham, Jackson,
Nitschke, Schuler, Townsend, Ziller 7.

Nay - Aldermen - Jones, Morris, Newton, North,
Phillips, Platt 6.

Aldermen Metz and Schmidlen entered and answered to their names.

Marshl. The police Committee presented a report on the marshal's reports for the month of December, 1889, stating they had been examined and found correct. No action was taken on the Committee report.

H. Pierce. The Committee on Claims and Accounts reported adversely on the claims of Henry Pierce and J. A. Bundt, and their reports were adopted.

"Coward." A favorable report was received from Aldermen Carlton and Joermann, of the Ordinance Committee, on "An Ordinance to amend article 127, and to repeal article 137, of the revised Penal Ordinances of the City of Austin" (The Cow Ordinance) laid over.

- Keppon. The printing Committee presented a report stating that the contract for furnishing of stationery to the City offices until Dec. 1, 1890, had been awarded to M. A. & W. B. Keppon; that the doing of the City's job printing during the time named had been awarded to E. Van Boekhoven. With reference to the news paper printing the report states that the Committee made no award, inasmuch as it was decided to recommend to the Council that the present mode of printing the minutes be discontinued and in lieu thereof that they be printed in a daily paper, the expense being about the same.

Von B.

Job Printing: Alderman Morris introduced, by request, a resolution stating that it is charged by competent printers that the reason there was no competition for the city printing is that the contractor for the past year has not done the work according to specifications, and that to compete in price, other printers must pursue the same course, which is objectionable to them.

The resolution asks that the matter be investigated, and if the charges are found to be true that the bids be again invited for doing the job printing. The resolution and that portion of the Committee's report concerning the awarding of the job printing were referred to the printing Committee with instructions to investigate the charges and report the result to the Council. (Alderman Boland entered and answered to his name.)

That portion of the report relative to Stationery and Newspaper printing was adopted, and the Committee was instructed to re-advertise for bids for doing the City's newspaper printing.

^{Dexter's report} _{Com. Comtee-} The Cemetery Committee submitted a report on the City ^{Dexter's report}, which was referred to them at the last meeting of the Council.

The report recommends that the fence and dead house be repaired, and that the roadway be repaired, ditched and drained and that the Committee be authorized to call on the Street Commissioner for the assistance of his force for the purpose; that the Council provide for additional burial ground for colored people and papers, ground for these purposes being exhausted.

The report was adopted.

Alderman Morris presented a proposal from Heisler Electric Light plant to supply the City with street lights.

(Referred to the Committee on Water and Light Without being read.)

Heisler
Light.

Emmanuel.

An Ordinance, entitled "An Ordinance appropriating the sum of three thousand and sixty eight dollars and thirty five cents to pay a judgment against the City in favor of J. E. Emmanuel". Was taken up on its third reading and read, and on motion, passed by the following Vote:

Yea - Aldermen

Anderson,

Boland, Graham, Jackson, Jones, Morris,
Newton, Nitschke, North, Phillips, Platt,
Schneider, Schubel, Townsend, Ziller - 15.

Nay - Alderman - Metz.

Carts.

An Ordinance, entitled "An Ordinance making an appropriation (\$1,300) to build a car for Carts for use of the City", was taken up on its second reading and read, and under suspension of the rules was read a third time, and passed.

Voters.

An Ordinance, entitled "An Ordinance to prevent electioneering with voters at or within one hundred yards of the polls on the day of any election", was taken up on its second reading and read.

Alderman Morris then moved to amend section one, line thirteen, by inserting after the word "and" the word "may"; and in the same section, in line fifteen, by inserting after the word "desires" the word "and"; and in section four, line nine, after the word "duties" insert the word "of"; and in the same section, in line ten, after the word "policeman" insert the word "there"; and in the same section and line after the word "Shall" strike out the word "appoint" and insert the words "be appointed by the City Council".

The amendments were adopted and a motion was made to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on its third reading, which was lost by the following Vote:

Yea - Aldermen, Anderson,
Graham, Jackson, Morris, Newton, North,
Phillips, Schneider, Schubel, Townsend, .

Nays - Aldermen - Boland, Jones, Metz,
Kitschke, Platt, Ziller - 6.

To \$ for Charity: An Ordinance, entitled "An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$500 to be used for charitable purposes" was taken up on its second reading and read, and on motion of Alderman Morris, laid upon the table by the following vote.

Yea - Aldermen -

Nay - Graham, Jackson, Metz,
Morris, Newton, Kitschke, North, Phillips,
Schneider, Townsend, Ziller - 11.

Nays - Aldermen - Anderson, Boland, Jones,
Platt, Schuber - 5.

An Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to be entitled an Ordinance to amend article 127 and to repeal article 137 of the revised penal Ordinances of the City of Austin", was taken up on its second reading and read, after which a motion was made to suspend the rules and place it on its third reading, which was lost by the following vote:

Yea - Aldermen -

Anderson, Graham, Jackson,
Morris, Newton, North, Phillips, Schneider,
Schuber, Townsend, Ziller - 11.

Nays - Aldermen - Boland, Jones, Metz,
Kitschke, Platt, 5.

Cistern.

Alderman Anderson introduced an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance providing for the repairing of the Cistern at the City Hall". It was read first time, after which Alderman Boland moved to lay it on the table. The motion was lost, by the following vote:

Yea, Aldermen - Boland, Metz, Newton,
North, Platt - 5.

Nay - Aldermen - Anderson, Graham,
Jackson, Jones - Morris, Kitschke, Phillips,
Schneider, Schuber, Townsend, Ziller - 11.

Cemetery
Repair

Alderman Ziller introduced an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$85 for the purpose of repairing the dead-house, fence, etc., at the City Cemetery.

It was read first time, and under suspension.

of the rules a second time, after which Alderman Ziller moved to amend by inserting the words "the Cemetery fund" in line 6. Adopted. The rules were further suspended, and the ordinance was read a third time, and passed.

Interment. Alderman Phillips moved that the city sexton be instructed not to make any interment until the person asking for such interment produces a receipt from the City Assessor and Collector showing that the ground that is to be so used is paid for. Adopted.

Detective. Alderman Graham introduced an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Creating the office of City detective." It was read first time, and under a suspension of the rules a second time, after which Alderman Morris moved to amend section one by adding thereto "provided, that said detective shall not demand or receive any emolument from any private person or persons for any detective work, and it shall be grounds for his removal from office to demand or receive any such fee or emolument from any person." Alderman Graham moved to amend the amendment by striking out the words "or receive". The amendment was accepted, and the amendment as amended was then adopted.

Motions were then made to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its third reading, and that it do pass, both of which were adopted by the following vote:

Yea, Aldermen -

Anderson, Boland, Graham,
Jacobsen, Jones, Metz, Kenten, Kitschke,
North, Phillips, Platt, Schubert, Townsend,
Ziller - 14.

Nay - Aldermen - Morris, Schneider - 2.

Alderman Anderson introduced an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance - appropriating the sum of \$1262.90 for the purpose of paying approved accounts". It was read first time and under suspension of the rules was read a second and third time - and passed by the

following vote -

Yeas- Aldermen - Anderson, Roland,
Graham, Jackson, Jones, Morris, Newton,
Kitschke, North, Phillips, Schneider,
Schuber, Townsend, Ziller - 14.
Nays- Aldermen -

Metz, Platt - 2.

Feb. 1st. (Alderman Anderson also introduced an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$3200 for the purpose of paying officers and regular employees of the City of Austin, for the month of February, 1890."

It was read first time, and under suspension of the rules was read a second time, after which Alderman Anderson moved to amend the caption and Section one by striking out "\$3200" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$3300".

The amendment was adopted, and under further suspension of the rules the ordinance was passed by the following vote.

Yeas- Aldermen -

Anderson, Roland,
Graham, Jackson, Jones, Metz, Morris,
Newton, Kitschke, North, Phillips,
Schuber, Townsend, Ziller - 14.

Nays- Aldermen -

Platt, Schneider - 2.

Culvert. Alderman Kitschke moved to adjourn. Lost.

Alderman Kitschke offered an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$942.50 for the purpose of building a Culvert on Curve Street between 11th and 12th Streets."

It was read first time, and on motion of Alderman Phillips, referred to the Cemetery Committee.

Alderman Graham presented an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance amending Sub-division 14 of Section One, of an Ordinance entitled 'An Ordinance fixing the Compensation of the officers and employees of the City of Austin, from the date of their qualification,' passed and approved December 28, 1889." It was read first time, after which Alderman

Day Clerk

Platt moved to adjourn. Lost.

Alderman Platt was then excused.

Alderman Graham introduced an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance abolishing the printing of the minutes of the City Council in pamphlet form and providing for the publication of the same in a daily newspaper".

It was read first time, and under suspension of the rules was read a second time, after which Alderman North moved to amend Sections 3 and 5, so the Ordinance shall take effect from the ratifications of the Contract for doing the printing.

The amendments were adopted, and under suspension of the rules the ordinance was read a third time and passed.

Alderman Morris moved to adjourn. Lost.

^{Day Clerk} The Ordinance to amend the Ordinance fixing salaries and which was referred to just previous to the last named ordinance, was again taken up and a motion to suspend the rules and place it on its second reading was adopted by a two-third vote of the whole Council. The ordinance was then read a second time, after which a motion was made to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its third reading, which was lost by the following vote.

Yea. Aldermen -

Anderson, Boland,
Graham, Jackson, Jones, Metz, Newton,
Kitschke, North, Phillips, Schubor, Townsend,
Giller - 13.

Nay - Aldermen -

Morris, Schneider - 2.

The Council then adjourned

Milton Morris,

City Clerk.